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Happy Canada Day, baby!

Mason Rosenberg gets a helping hand from Katie Woods during the Canada Day celebrations is West Guilford on July 1. *Echo* columnist Eleanor Cooper was named West Guilford's Citizen of the Year at the festivities. **Chad Ingram** Staff

Emerald ash borer may be in county

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The emerald ash borer, an invasive species of insect that spreads quickly, killing ash trees, may be in Haliburton County.

"Durham Region is the closest area that is known to have emerald ash borer," county forest conservation bylaw officer James Rogers told Haliburton County councillors at their June 26 meeting.

This means that certain prohibitions, such as the transport of firewood out of the region, have been put into place.

"On March of this year, enforcement staff became aware of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency decision to include Haliburton County and surrounding municipalities in an expanded regulation area for the emerald ash borer for April 1, 2014," read a report from Rogers. "The effect of this change would be to allow [emerald ash borer] infested firewood and logs from southern Ontario to be transported directly into Haliburton County and beyond. This new regulation would also prevent the transport of uninfested ash logs and firewood from Haliburton to areas beyond the new regulated area."

Rogers told councillors that communication of the change, the public input deadline for which was March 31, had been poor and that many municipalities and forestry professionals were not cognizant of it until recently.

"The folks who manage Algonquin Park were not aware of it," he said. "They were all very concerned and unaware of the issue."

Rogers has been lobbying for the decision to be changed and for a collaborative forest health management system involving local governments, CFIA and the MNR to be established to oversee mitigation of the invasive species on

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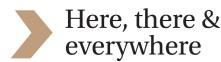
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news and events worth noting

Mark your calendars now to run the Highland Yard, Sunday, Aug. 4 in Minden. The Highland Yard, a tradition for more than 40 years in the Highlands is being offered by Places for People, a local charity that creates affordable rental housing in Haliburton County. All proceeds will go towards paying down the mortgage on their Carnarvon property so they can offer rent affordable to local working families.

Start your training and register to run either the 10-kilometre or five-kilometre timed race, starting at 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. respectively.

New this year, participants in the two kilometre walk/run who collect \$20 or more in pledges will receive a race kit – this event starts at 10:30 a.m.

All races start and finish at the CIBC in Minden. Prizes will be awarded for winning times. For details on route, registration, and information updates check at www.highlandyard. ca. You can register directly online at www.runningroom. com or on-site the morning of the race or the evening before, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Village Green in Minden. Pledge sheets will be available online at www.highlandyard.ca.

New program at Fleming

Fleming College's board of governors approved three new programs last week – aircraft interior techniques, carpentry technician and integrated design.

Integrated design will be offered at the Haliburton campus, while the other two will be in Lindsay and Peterbor-

ough. Integrated design is a three-semester compressed diploma program that will be offered at the Haliburton campus starting in September 2014.

Students will be introduced to, and exposed to, all aspects of design including fashion/textiles, communication/graphic, exhibition/environmental graphic, interiors, land-scape, and architecture.

The college will develop articulation agreements with other institutions so that graduates can continue post-secondary design studies within their chosen field.

Congrats, golfers

Blairhampton Golf Club had two holes-in-one last week: Graham Hackwood in hole No. 7, 135 yards with a pitching wedge on June 21 and Jim Brown on hole No. 17, 163 yards with a seven-iron on June 26.

Fire destroys home

Very little is left of a residence on Watts Road near Kennisis Lake after a fire engulfed the building early Tuesday morning, June 25. The Dysart Fire Department responded with 15 firefighters, who put out the fire. No one was home at the time and the cause is being investigated. Damage is estimated at \$300,000.

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The cast of *Nunsense* performs a musical number. The show is part of this year's Highlands Summer Festival.

Fun with nuns at theatre

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

They're on their way to heaven, but they're here to raise some hell.

Nuns and comedy are an unlikely marriage and that's the joke behind *Nunsense*, the Dan Goggin musical that opens this year's Highlands Summer Festival.

Directed by Marc Richard, the play is a show within a show, with attendees assuming the role of the audience at a fundraiser put on by the Order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken at New Jersey's Mount Saint Helen's School.

The nuns need to raise money to bury four of their sisters who are being stored in a freezer after being inadvertently poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia Child of God.

Their show is a vaudevillian mix of song, dance and spectacle, with music provided by festival music director Melissa Stephens, in full nun garb.

Each of the nuns has her own story.

Sister Mary Leo (Jacqueline Janas) longs to be the world's first nun ballerina, while Sister Mary Amnesia (Pat Piché) spends most of the play trying to remember who she is.

Beneath her comic nuances, Piché is able to invoke in the

viewer sympathy for someone struggling to regain her identity

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Sister Robert Anne (Victoria Bingham) is split between the spotlight and serving the Lord and Sister Mary Hubert (Beth Kipping) is outspoken about Mother Superior Mary Regina's untimely decision to purchase a Blu Ray player for the convent

Sister Julia Child of God's soup actually killed 52 nuns, only 48 of whom were interred before the purchase of the Blu Ray.

One of the show's most immaculate moments is Maureen James's sidesplitting soliloquy as Mother Superior Mary Regina after she's consumed some confiscated contraband.

I cried. I'm not ashamed to write it.

Comedy alone is a difficult enough art to pull off and the skilled cast combine it with ballet, tap-dancing, puppetry and multi-part harmonization that is nothing short of divine.

Nunsense is, well, funny as hell.

Six performances of *Nunsense* remain, with shows on July 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. All shows are at 8 p.m.

For ticket information or information on other shows in this year's festival, visit www.highlandssummerfestival. on.ca.

Insect expected to cause 'significant damage' in county

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a county-by-county basis.

"Normally, it's their way or the highway," Rogers said, but added there have been meetings and that the agencies seem to be considering what he is proposing.

Those meetings will continue involving municipalities from throughout Southern Ontario.

According to Rogers's report, the insect "is expected to cause significant damage in Haliburton County."

Between three and five per cent of the trees in the county are ash trees.

Councillors said they'd like to get on the MTO's waiting list for highway billboards so the county can warn people of the insect and suggested municipalities include a couple of lines in their tax bill letters about the problem.

Updated information will also be placed on the county's website.



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Getting a kick out of it

Natalie Hunter shows off her skills with help from instructor Denise White during a shotocan karate demonstration at Gooderham's Canada Day celebration on June 30. Chad Ingram Staff



Maddy Minaret won this year's Pine Lake Swim during the Canada Day celebrations in West Guilford on July 1.



There was plenty of good sportsmanship during a baseball game featuring players from Gooderham and Irondale during Gooderham's Canada Day celebrations.



Andrew MacLeod prepares a shot during the horseshoe tournament Gooderham's Canada Day party on June 30.



West Guilford celebrates

Andrew Burtch, left, and Logan Roberts season the meat for the barbecue at West Guilford's Canada Day festivities on July 1. **Chad Ingram** Staff

Fire department to begin smoke alarm campaign

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the June 24 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The Dysart fire department will soon be conducting their smoke alarm campaign, checking in on residences to make sure they have a working smoke alarm.

Deputy fire chief Don Stephenson told council having a working alarm is not only about safety but about the law as well.

"People every day are breaking the law by not having a working smoke alarm," said Stephenson.

On average, smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, while carbon monoxide detectors are typically only good for seven years, said Stephenson.

The statistics are quite shocking, with 50 per cent of fatalities from a fire a result of

not having a working smoke alarm, said Highland Street. Stephenson.

"Ît's a pretty easy thing to fix."

Streetscape not quite finished

Some of the final aesthetic touches were done on Haliburton's main street last week to prepare the town for the Canada Day long weekend.

Public works director Brian Nicholson told council he was hoping the parking lines would be painted prior to the long weekend and that benches and garbage receptacles would be put out, weather per-

Issues with sidewalk drainage would be fixed in the fall, as no construction work was scheduled to take place during July or

The new Pay and Display parking meters were also up and running, with five on

BIA considering downtown murals

The Haliburton Business Improvement Area is looking at painting up the down-

Councillor Andrea Roberts, the municipal representative on the BIA executive committee, said the organization was considering an outdoor art mural initiative. similar to that of Huntsville.

"It's a really interesting idea," said Roberts, adding the executive BIA members would be discussing it at their next meet-

If the committee decides to move forward with the idea they will likely be coming to council with a future presentation on the idea.

More information on the Huntsville

mural project can be found by visiting www.groupof7outdoorgallery.com.

The organization has also been busy revamping their website, which is up and running at www.haliburtonbia.ca.

The executive committee has also welcomed Gail Stelter on board as their administrator.

Municipality talks trash

A new video about Haliburton's garbage featuring landfill director Mark Brohm made its premiere to councillors and the

The seven-minute educational video was created by the municipality's environment and green energy committee and will be posted on the Dysart et al website.

It includes information on how much waste is sorted through at the local landfill sites and how to recycle properly.

To view the video visit www.dysartetal.

Integration planning hot topic at Community Care AGM

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

When serving a community with limited means, it is important to have equal partners working together to enhance services.

This was the message delivered by Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian at the annual general meeting of Community Care Haliburton County.

On June 26, Eskedjian delivered the keynote address at the organization's AGM, tackling the topic of integration planning, currently being implemented in Haliburton County.

With a background working in various community hospitals, Eskedjian pointed to his experience with health care organizations such as the Child, Youth and Family Services Coalition for Simcoe County, of which he was the founder and chairman.

The experience meant Eskedjian got to learn a lot about serving a community with limited means.

The CEO believes this relates to integration planning.

"The HHHS vision is working together for the health of the Highlands," said Eskedjian.

Through strategies such as partnerships, employee engagement, prevention and health promotion, HHHS is able to provide sustainable, high quality health care, said the CEO.

He believes Community Care engages in many of the same strategies.

"I see a real alignment across the two organizations," he said. "Both do business by networking, co-ordinating and working together with health services partners."

President of CCHC Jeanne Anthon thanked the staff and volunteers for another successful year at the organization.

Board members Doug and Ruth Mitchell were recognized as being the volunteers of the year, for their contributions and dedication to Community Care.

Volunteer co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer spoke fondly of the Mitchells, a couple who have made a difference in a big way.

"They came into the office five years ago thinking they might help out with a few things ... little did they know it would turn into a whole new career," said Gebauer.

The Mitchells have helped the organization in a number of ways, including office help, transportation, Meals on Wheels deliverv and the Scotty Morrison charity hockey tournament, said Gebauer.

"They are just awesome people."

CCHC executive director Maureen Ruttig thanked Anthon, the outgoing president, for all her work with the organization.

"I want to be like Jeanne Anthon when I grow up," said Ruttig.

Brenda Bain was also thanked for her five years of service with CCHC.

A financial report by the auditors stated the organization was in good standing, bringing in a total revenue of \$821,069 in 2013. In 2012 the total revenue was

In 2013 the expenses were a total of \$823,931. Last year the organization finished the year with an excess of revenue equaling \$67,662.

With the ongoing integration planning at the forefront of CCHC's agenda, it has been an interesting year for the organization, said

"I have to admit this has been a year of trepidation with the integration going on," she said, adding her history in municipal politics has given her experience in amalga-

"I feel better about it now with HHHS at the helm."



Angelica Blenich

Volunteer coordinator for **Community Care Haliburton County** Brigitte Gebauer. far right, recognizes Doug and Ruth Mitchell as the organization's volunteers of the year at the annual general meeting on June 26. Held at the **Haliburton Curling** Club, the meeting highlighted the staff and volunteers at **CCHC** for another successful year.





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Growing community

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ALIBURTON COULD USE an infusion of do-it-yourself gardening.

Told for so long that the land is unfarmable, full of rocks and poor soil, it

is refreshing to meet so many enthusiastic local food proponents.

First, of course, are the few local farmers who have carried on despite the navsayers and difficult geography.

But recently other organizations have come along such as the farmers' market association, Food Net, community gardens and now Abbey Gardens.

This latest incarnation of the local food movement is ambitious to say the least.

Last week, the Echo carried an article about their mission. It's a lengthy one, but can be summed up this way.

Abbey Gardens wants Haliburton County to grow its own.

There are some who think the county could be entirely self-sustainable, but this is a bit far-fetched given people's penchant for bananas, avocados and packaged foods.

But there's definitely something to the

Fewer of us know how to grow a tomato this generation than last.

Most of what we eat comes from grocery stores and we are ignorant of how it got there. (Some of us willfully so.)

Some kids don't know basic things like whether a snow pea grows on a vine or a tree. Seriously.

In that context, the work being done around local food in the Highlands is badly needed.

So far, they've had success with the

farmers' market entering its fifth year and Abbey Gardens launching its Food Hub, kitchen facilities and other great stuff near West Guilford.

Where these groups need to be careful, however, is in who they target for their programming.

Often, those who already buy-in to community building activities are the

ones who populate community gardens, social justice organizations, etc.

But all of Haliburton needs access to local foods and educational programs.

The challenge will be for Abbey Gardens to reach out to the people who don't know how to garden and don't know that they should know.

Outreach to schools, getting the kids involved in planting and harvesting veggies, for example, is one way. (And kids have been involved in several community garden initiatives in the past.)

Visibility will also be necessary to get new people on board, not just those who have already bought in to the local food culture.

Haliburton needs better local food infrastructure. And people need to be engaged.

The seeds are planted, the sun is shining. Let's see what grows.

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Highlands lake

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My love affair with jet skis

Steve Galea

Loon Tales

S SOMEONE who spends an awful lot of time fly fishing from a canoe, I don't know much about iet skis.

Heck, I have never even been on one.

I have avoided the craze partially because I believe it would be hard to fly cast out of one but also because I'm a bit of a traditionalist.

Having said that, I have had countless encounters with jet skis over the years, so I believe I've learned a thing or two that might come in handy to anyone thinking about buying one.

Here then is a canoeist's guide to jet skis.

The first thing I notice, practically every time I bob up and down in the wake of a passing jet ski, is that these machines perhaps because of some design flaw yet to be worked out - cannot go in a straight line from point A to point B - unless, of course, a canoe happens to be at one of those points or midway between.

Then they can do it quite well. Most times, however, jet skis do small circles, apparently waiting for a canoe to show up on the horizon.

This is the main thing to take into account before buying one.

If you don't like doing small, fast circles in the middle of the lake, perhaps a jet ski is not for you.

Of course, who doesn't dream of getting close to nature by spending leisure time running at top speed in small, noisy bonejarring circles in the middle of a lake? Circles are fun.

The sad part is that, if my observations are correct, the average jet ski can only do four to five circles in one spot.

I believe this is a safety feature that prevents the rider and machine from being sucked down into a whirlpool of their own making. But I could be wrong.

In any case, after a few fun circles, some guidance system on the machine moves it in a straight line - usually towards the nearest canoe - before it does four to five more circles.

Again, more fun.

Not to oversell these things, but if you can't see the appeal in this, you're just not looking hard enough.

There's more though! Jet skis are loud too. And just name me one person who doesn't love continuous loud noises in cottage country.

Forget that; have you ever considered that jet skiers provide a public service? I mean, how can you truly appreciate the peace and quiet of cottage country or the call of the loon, if you hear it all the time?

So to recap, buying a jet ski allows you to get to know all the local canoeists and help fellow residents of the lake appreciate the

And hopefully meet other jet skiers - or at least the ones who travel in the same cir-



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The Guardian

AGGIE HAD ALWAYS loved dogs, always had a dog. And Chips was an exceptional dog. He was an English springer spaniel, easy to train, gentle-natured and her constant companion. Together they had gone for long walks through misty mornings and breathless starry nights.

But then life took a turn. Maggie met and married Bill and before she knew it, they had baby Sara. When Sara was born Maggie was cautioned that Chips might be a problem. Jealousy, some said. He could feel replaced.

However it didn't take long for Maggie to realize Chips was not a prob-

Sharon Lynch Down our Road

lem. He was, in fact, the opposite. When Maggie walked to the store pushing Sara in her baby carriage, she knew she could pop in for a paper or milk and Chips would stand guard over Sara.

The first time Maggie tried this she had watched through the store window as two women walked over to gaze at the sleeping Sara. When they bent down to look at the baby, Chips who was stationed beside the carriage bared his teeth, a soft warning growl simmering in the back of his throat. Immediately the two jerked upright and walked away. Maggie smiled. She had no worries about Chips and Sara.

The cottage was a new experience for toddler Sara. Now able to walk, albeit it wobbly, on sturdy bread-dough legs, she managed to manoeuvre over the uneven ground, her small hand buried in Chips's furry back. The two of them slowly made their way from stump to garden to birch tree and back under Maggie's watchful eyes. She was amazed at the way Chips matched pace to his small charge. For it was obvious that was how Chips saw Sara. He was her guardian.

One sultry July afternoon Maggie packed a basket with sandwiches, strawberries and a Thermos of water and headed for the beach. The three of them made their way through a cathedral of maples and oaks, the sunlight and shadows alternating on the path leading to a sandy shore. Maggie had Sara in a back carrier as she carried the food and blanket, Chips ambling along beside her.

It was the quintessential summer day. The sand disappeared into shallow water that sparkled and danced in the sunshine. A boat motor hummed faintly far out in the lake and the cicadas' insistent calls echoed across the protected bay where the three of them stood.

After slathering Sara with sunscreen and tying the cotton sunhat firmly under her chin, Maggie sat with her daughter on the warm sand. They dug and scooped, patted and dumped. This was the first time Sara had been to the beach and Maggie realized many experiences would be new for both of them this summer. Chips sat nearby, as dogs will do, panting in the heat but not seeking out the more distant shade.

After a while Sara tired of playing in the sand and wanted to explore the water. Holding hands, they walked through a few inches of water, laughing as it tickled their feet. Little clouds of sand rose up toward the surface with each gentle step.

Realizing they were both getting hungry, Maggie turned back to where the food awaited under a spruce. Sara was insistent that she wanted to stay on the sand and so Maggie left her digging and walked over to retrieve the basket. She was just about turn back, basket and blanket in hand, when she heard Chips barking furiously.

Spinning around at the commotion, Maggie saw Sara floating face down a few feet from where she had been less than a minute before. As in a dream Maggie ran toward the water her body moving in slow-motion. But Chips was ahead of her, bounding into the water. He grabbed the back of Sara's bathing suit and pulled just as Maggie reached the child.

She lifted Sara up, holding her face down as she did and praying harder than she ever had. Sara immediately began to cry, spitting lake water and wailing in fear. Maggie felt Chips' wet fur against her own wet leg as they walked back to dry ground.

Later, after lunch Sara dozed in the shade of the spruce tree, Chips stretched out beside her. Maggie intended to return to the water with Sara, determined to thwart a fear of water from taking root. And she knew Chips would be right there too. They were a threesome and then some.



pic of the past

🧻 onnie View Inn 1947. From left to right, Tom Hodgson, Danny Wolston, Red Greer and Al Blanchard. Band leader Red Greer needed a piano player and Sinc Davies suggested Tom Hodgson. Tom told Red that he did take lessons (music teacher Jean Waterman) but had never played in a band. Tom was hired and played his first "gig" in September '46 in the Town Hall. Danny and Tom were attending the old Haliburton High School. One memorable dance was in Tory Hill Christmas night. En route home their car slipped off the road. The Band was rescued by the Sibley's of Essonville. During the summer of '47 the band played at Paradise Lodge, Bonnie View, Minden Golf Club and Chateau Woodland and elsewhere. Tragically that September Danny died in a canoe accident. Al and Tom joined Jim Perrin, Harold Brodhagen and Harry Bradshaw at the Golden Slipper and played there 1948 and 1949. Tom had replaced the long time pianist Mary Wood. Submitted by Tom Hodgson, Oshawa

letters to the editor

Cleats can help

To the Editor.

Just finished cutting the grass on the slope to the lake. Thought of the young man who had the misshap with his toes a few weeks back. Certainly hope he is mending well. Had a friend about 40 years ago lost his big toe cutting the ditch at his home in

I used to play ball and we wore spike shoes with metal cleats. I still wear the same shoes when I cut my grass. I have told so many people to check out a garage sale, a thrift store or Value Village for a pair of ball spikes (with metal cleats) or an old pair of golf shoes. I hope this idea will save a toe or two.

> Elizabeth Jesseman West Guilford

Heartfelt thanks

Dear Dr. S. Ferracuti, head nurse Mrs. Gustavsen, X-ray technician, EMS personnel, Constable Brown, Aimee Filion DVM, and the young nurse that found the heartbeat of my unborn baby,

My wife, brother, dog and I would like to thank you for all of your help and exceptional care in the early morning of Saturday, June 22 [following a serious car crash near Gooderham]. In a time of fear, pandemonium, and pain you provided my family with the same kind of sincere heartfelt care that one could only expect from their family.

Brandon Seupersadsingh

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Abbey Gardens food hub opens

Jenn Watt

Editor

The food hub at Abbey Gardens opened with much fanfare Sunday afternoon as dignitaries, farmers and foodies gathered to welcome the new business near West Guilford.

"By growing local food, ... we know what's in it and it's about restoring health for Canadians," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey on June 30 ahead of the official ribbon cutting.

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization that includes a farming operation, kitchen facilities, workshops and a retail space.

On Sunday, people gathered to celebrate the new space opening, which was built by students from Fleming College in the sustainable building program.

Food sold at the Food Hub will be either grown in Haliburton or will come from close by

"Our intent with Abbey Gardens is to encourage the growth of a sustainable food industry within Haliburton County and to create here at Abbey Gardens a place that people will want to come visit that will be beautiful," said John Patterson, who founded Abbey Gardens and has been the engine behind its progress for years.

Workshops on farming and demonstration space on the property are designed to educate visitors about what is possible in the Highlands.



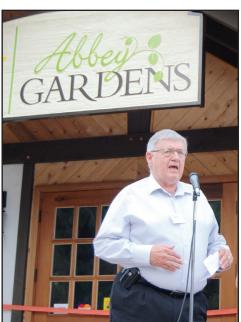
Jenn Watt Staff

Groups tour Abbey Gardens following the ceremony to officially open the Food Hub on June 30.

Money coming in from the Food Hub, which includes not only fresh local produce but also food prepared on-site and select non-edible products, will go back into developing the gardens and programming.

"When I walked into that building I couldn't believe it. I thought it was spectacular," said Warden Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt said she saw Abbey Gardens as a potential agriculture tourism attraction.



John Patterson speaks to a large crowd that gathered at Abbey Gardens to welcome the Food Hub to the community.

The hub is open most days except Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information go to abbeygardens.

Why Clear Lake deserves all the protection it can get

Peter Brogden

Special to the Echo

I want to show that there are several established facts about the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve that are unique and these and neighbouring features mean that if the reserve is to have any meaning, the management plan has to be quite stringent.

My earliest explorations of the lakes and shorelines of the reserve were made in the 1970s and were followed about 20 years later with hiking and skiing through some of the interior. But it was a canoe and hiking outing with the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists to view an identified grove of old growth hemlocks in July of 1995 that impressed on me many of the features that give the reserve its unique characteristics. Many readers will remember the "microburst" event that flattened many hectares of forest on the eastern shore of Kennisis Lake during the night of July 15, 1995, which was about 10 days before the planned Field Naturalists trip. With so much forest damage in the area, could the grove of old growth hemlocks have survived? Needless to say, it had done, which emphasized the shelter that the local high rocky ridges and wind deflecting valleys of what is now the reserve provide.

Our guides for the Field Naturalists were Canadian staff members at U.S. universities who had supervised graduate students' stud-

ies of old growth hemlocks in the 1960s. They knew that several stands of eastern hemlocks in the area had been undisturbed during logging activities around the year 1900 and also during later years. Tree core studies by the students showed ages of up to 350 years. A second set of studies by U.S. academics in 1970s - '80s expanded the age measurements to 400 years and confirmed that the age distributions were continuous and declining as expected with increasing age. It had been found that aphids in many North American hemlock stands had taken a severe toll on the tree populations from Maine to the Smokey Mountains, resulting in most hemlock stands having gaps in their age distributions. This finding of a continuous age distribution increases the importance of keeping the reserve aphid free and as well protected as possible.

In U.S. academic circles at least, the area around Clear Lake was recognized to have some of the oldest hemlocks in northeastern North America. It is not clear how well this was known within the local MNR at the time, but during the late '80s and early '90s, the local MNR commissioned a third set of extensive studies in preparation for establishing the Reserve. These were done on many 10-by-20 metre plots in both undisturbed and cutover stands. Even in cutover stands, where younger hemlocks had been shaded by the white pines and other harvested trees, annual ring counts of cores showed real ages

of maybe 180 years with the first 80 years or so being a period of very slow growth compared to the later, faster growth. It is now 20 years since this third set of measurements were done, confirming that there are now many hemlocks with ages up to 400 years old.

The MNR's studies also confirmed that cutover areas were restricted to the reserve's most accessible land, given the limited technology of the time. The core of the land between Clear Lake as the south boundary and Nunikani and Red Pine lakes to the north was essentially untouched by logging and it is in that core where the oldest hemlocks are to be found. To the eye, they are not necessarily the most impressive large trees, only by coring can their real ages be measured. These old growth hemlock stands in the core of the reserve are rare natural communities from the tips of their needles to the soil around their roots. These relatively rich and undisturbed soil layers with their resident microorganisms form a uniquely intact ecological community, perhaps thousands of years old. To me, this is another powerful reason why the integrity of reserve is important.

Within the reserve boundary there are two lakes of considerable scientific interest, the meromictic Blackcat Lake and headwaters Clear Lake. Meromictic lakes are very important for paleoarcheological studies as their undisturbed and oxygen-free deep waters have sediments that can record many details

of climate since the retreat of the glaciers and other history. They are very rare, perhaps one in 1,000 to one in 3,000 of lakes in all of North America, so the presence of one so close to the unique stands of hemlocks is a further requirement for great care in the maintenance of the reserve. Clear Lake itself is one of the most studied lakes on the Canadian Shield and needs to be preserved as a significant baseline for watershed studies.

My understanding of the science and its significance has been greatly helped by conversations with Profs. Jim Nighswander, Orie Loucks and Mart Gross, Mike Turner, Paul Heaven and several staff at the Bancroft/Minden MNR.

My enthusiasm for understanding the science of this planet we live on is perhaps exceeded by my enthusiasm for cross-country skiing in the area and I can understand why there are some skiers who are keen to have groomed trails within the reserve. With house guests and other friends, we have spent many days between the late 1970s and 2000s exploring the valleys and high viewpoints between the North Shore Road/Barry Line, Little Hawk Lake and Kennisis Lake. The possible routes include several linked beaver ponds and meadows giving loops and traverses across a much more extensive area than exists in the reserve. I truly feel that the lack of groomed ski trails within the reserve is a small sacrifice to make when such an attractive alternative is available.

Wilberforce Elementary School bids adieu to Grade 8s

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Representing one of the largest classes in Wilberforce Elementary School history, 13 Grade 8 students said goodbye to their school on June 24 following their graduation ceremony.

The students were celebrated and applauded at the Lloyd Watson Commu-

Awards were handed out to students in grades 4 through to 8, recognizing achievements in the academics, athletics, citizenship, leadership, most improved, perseverance and French.

This year's valedictorian Carmen Galea thanked the staff for getting the students this far and the parents for "putting up with our attitude."

During her address Galea reflected on the past few years with her peers, whom she had many fond memories of.

"Grade 8s, today is the day we've all been waiting for. We are finally graduating. Today is the day we say our farewell to Wilberforce Elementary and hello to new experiences at a different school for the next four years," said Galea.

Unable to describe the year in one word, she said the year had been "crazy, fun, dramatic and exciting.'

Principal Gord Wood told the students this was not goodbye, but good luck on their journey ahead.

Commending the students for having learned how to be supportive and accepting of others, Wood emphasized to the class the power of the word "yet" as they embark.

"Students, you need to remember, when someone tells you you can't do something, you say I can't do it yet," said Wood.

The graduating students this year are



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The Grade 8 graduating class of Wilberforce Elementary School was all smiles following the commencement ceremony at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre on June 25. From back row left, Keisha Hughes, Mark Lewis, Norman Richardson, Jarret Hughes, Cameron Rowley and Hunter Rogers-Millson. Front row from left, Dillon Tallman, Drew Deterling, Carmen Galea, Dylan Smith, Eric Legge, Sonora Plumb and Veronica Gizuk.

Dillon Tallman, Drew Deterling, Keisha Hughes, Mark Lewis, Carmen Galea, Norman Richardson, Dylan Smith, Jarret Hughes, Veronica Gizuk, Eric Legge, Cameron Rowley, Sonora Plumb and Hunter Rogers-Millson.



Valedictorian Carmen Galea delivers her address to the graduating class at the Wilberforce Elementary School commencement ceremony on June 24. Galea reflected on her years at the school and her classmates as well as thanking parents and staff for their support and guidance.



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Above, this year's Haliburton Highlands Secondary School valedictorian Zachary Cox challenged his graduating class to be the standard in the world. Cox was an academic and athletic standard at his school, including volunteering at the Canoe FM radio station and participating as a member of the Toronto 2015 Youth Advisory Council for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. Cox will be attending the University of Waterloo for electrical engineering. Photos by Darren Lum

Left, Haliburton **Highlanders Pipes** and Drums pipe major Andrew Mansfield leads the procession of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 2013 graduates to the gym at the school's commencement ceremony on Wednesday, June 26. There were 150 students graduating this

Time to soar, HHSS graduates

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

It was a day of celebration for more than 150 graduating Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students.

Despite the heat of the school's gym, this year's graduation was a day to reflect on the laughs, tears and achievements as well as the failures.

But, most important, it was a day to mark the beginning of a new chapter.

The packed crowd of family, friends and faculty cried, applauded and laughed, as speakers gave words of inspiration and challenged the students to not only set standards, but be the standard for others to follow.

Valedictorian Zachary Cox told his class to lead, using famous words of an anonymous source.

"Carry yourself in a such a way that when people are sitting you will be standing. When they are standing you will stand out. And when they stand out you will be outstanding. And when they dare to be outstanding you will be their standard. For us the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduating class 2013 this isn't just a semi-applicable quote, it's our way of life," he said.

Cox shared his moment when he asked his graduating class to stand and repeat: "I stand tall. I stand strong. I stand proud. I am outstanding. I will rise to the challenge for I am the new standard."

He followed it with, "Teachers, friends and family, I present to you the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduating class of 2013."

The entire gym erupted with cheers and applause. Retiring vice-principal and ceremony MC Irv Sternberg provided congratulations for all the hard work of the graduates.

"Graduates, you made it and we're all proud of you. Be proud of yourselves," he said.

He reminded them that this is not just a beginning, but also an opportunity for new direction, as he is leaving for a new experience and a new chapter.

"I want to demonstrate that change and challenge happen at every age and stage of life. Our Haliburton high school years have equipped us with the necessary tool kit, which we should use as guidelines as we strive to be worthy citizens and lifelong learners," he said.

Principal Dan Marsden reminded the students to remember the school's credo of respect, commitment and responsibility, as they venture forth into the world.

"Keep our credo close to your heart and your brain, as you strive to take flight and soar to new heights and reach high grads to make your future a better place for just not yourself, but for everyone else you will impact as well," he said.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee and former HHSS principal Gary Brohman felt proud to be part of this ceremony.

"This diploma is yours. You own it. No one can take it away. It's yours and make sure you use it well," he said.

Brohman offered thanks to the faculty and administration. He also acknowledged the parents who have been there for the graduates.

"You've sent us the best kids in the whole world," he said.

He reminded the students to live up to what it means to be a Red Hawk and challenged them to always ask, why.

"Ask why. Make our world a better place. Challenge yourself with why. Don't let complacency happen. Ask why. We need you to help fix this world and I'm counting on you to do that," he said.

His popularity was apparent with the roar followed his departure from the mike, as his words "Once a hawk" was immediately followed by the students shouting "Always a hawk."

*All names are provided through the school graduation program.





Megan Allore, Sabrina Antonucci, Tanner Ballantyne, Alana Bannister, Cory Barry, Cassandra Beauregard, Christina Berning, Maxine Berry-Curl, Matt Besner, Jessica Bishop, Shannon Bittner, Zach Boice, Holly Broderick, Samantha Bromell, Grace Callaway, Kris Calvert, Robert Carnochan, George Charlebois, Stewart Chaulk, Bin Chun, Sarah Comer, Kirsty Cook, Melissa Cooper, Alana Coty, Brendan Cox and Cody Cox. All names (this page and next) are listed alphabetically and does not account for absent students.



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Jaguars graduate to become Hawks

Jenn Watt

Editor

No longer Jaguars, not quite Red Hawks, the grads of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School strode confidently out of the gymnasium June 25 and into their summer vaca-

In a brief ceremony on a sticky Tuesday evening, the Grade 8s celebrated their accomplishments over the last four years.

Valedictorian Brittany Bull said her cohort had become like a family, ready to head into the larger high school and become Hawks.

Principal Elaine Fournier reminded students of the power of the word "yet."

There will be disappointments and "outright failures" in the years to come, but students should remember when they don't understand something it's not forever; they just don't understand it yet, Fournier said.

School trustee Gary Brohman reiterated his age-old adage that success comes from effort. Go to class, be on time and do your homework, he advised the grads.

"Don't ever wish [the time] away."

The academic excellence award went to Hannah Klose, Brittany Bull and Victoria Archibald.

The citizenship award went to Allie Paul, Emma Scheffee and Logan McCready-DeBruin.

The principal's leadership award was

given to Kenndal Marsden.

The leadership award went to Rachel Churko and Mikayla Stinson.

Graduating students: Julian Anderson, Christopher Bangay, Jesse Barry, Liam Bergman, Mitchell Billings, Madison Brodhagen, Jesse Cox, Courtney Cox, Greg Crofts, Conor Fischer, Emily Fleming, Emma Graham, Glenn Graham, Robert Hall, Ethan Howe, Braeden Jones, Nikki Kelly, Samuel Klochkoff, Kenndal Marsden, James McEathron, Desiree Nolan, Garath Peacock, Rachael Reddering, Jake Russell-Bull, Emma Scheffee, Matthew Smith, Rowan Tofflemire, Cameron Trigell, Alyssa Bogan, Brittany Bull, Chase Burden, Abraham Churko, Ethan Keefer, Sadie Lissemore, Logan McCready-DeBruin, Jonathan Morrison, Nolan Nicholson, Lucas Packard, Catherine Raimey, Izac Reid, Alisha Spencer, Bradley Zahn, Victoria Archibald, Glenn Bagg, Jacob Bishop, Connor Brandon, Rachel Churko, Cassidy Glecoff, Emily Glecoff, Abby Gordon, Hannah Klose, Duncan Livingstone, Samantha Miller, Paydon Miscio, Shane O'Reilly, Betty Paton, Allison Paul, Madeline Phippen, Mikayla Stinson, Evelyn Woof, Troy Bannister and Gage Roylance.

Awards given out prior to the grad ceremony for this year

Grade 8 Subject Awards

Evelyn Woof, Brittany Bull, Visual Arts Jesse Barry

Robbie Hall, Sadie Lissemore, Drama



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Family and friends of Grade 8 grad Rachael Reddering stop by the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School library after the graduation ceremony June 25 to check out her memory book. From left, Tom Reddering, Nikki Reddering, Aurora Acorn and Leah Berry. In behind, Hanna Reddering.



Proud Grade 8 grads from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School leave the gymnasium on June 25, following the ceremony.

Victoria Archibald

English Rachel Churko, Hannah Klose, **Brittany Bull**

Brittany Bull, Liam Bergman, French Samantha Miller

CPF Award (Canadian Parents For French) Brittany Bull, Liam Bergman, Samantha Miller

Shane O'Reilly, Mikayla Geography Stinson, Glenn Graham Allie Paul, Matthew Smith,

History Rachel Churko

Mathematics Hannah Klose, Betty Paton, Nolan Nicholson

Music Rachael Reddering, Sadie Lissemore, Victoria Archibald

Physical Education Kenndal Marsden,

Emma Scheffee, Allie Paul

Victoria Archibald, Hannah Science Klose, Mikayla Stinson

Emma Scheffee, Rachel Churko, Dance **Emily Glecoff**

Junior Letter 6F

Natalya Gimon, Coleman Heaven, Benjamin Livingstone, Alexandra Tait, Alicia Villamere Junior Letter 6B Shelby Nimigon

Intermediate Letter 8A

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The academic excellence award went to three J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 grads this year. From left, Victoria Archibald, Hannah Klose and Brittany Bull.



The citizenship award was shared by three Grade 8 grads at the JDHES graduation ceremony June 25. From left, Emma Scheffee, Allie Paul and Logan McCready-DeBruin.



J.D. Hodgson Elementary School leadership award winners Rachel Churko, left, and Mikayla Stinson.



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The principal's leadership award was given to Kenndal Marsden at the Grade 8 graduation ceremony at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on June 25. Principal Elaine Fournier, left, said Kenndal was chosen for being an all-around good student, with leadership and citizenship skills.



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Haliburton Creative Business Incubator welcomes new manager

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Bryan Barlow has had a vast and varied career.

A resident of Minden Hills and the owner of Hunter Creek Ranch, Barlow has a new position to add to his resume.

On July 1 Barlow officially took over as the new manager of the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator, a program of the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Barlow will be filling the big shoes left by former manager Mike Jaycock, 71, who is departing to take on retirement in its fullest.

Barlow, 60, was offered the position in June, applying for it at the encouragement of his wife, Beverly. Born and raised in Toronto, Barlow went through university to become an engineer, however, following graduation he took a job with an oil company. "Why? Because they were the best paying job in town," said Barlow. "The other thing was you could move all over the place, stay with the same company and do a whole bunch of different jobs."

Barlow did just that, working in all aspects of the company while working on his master's of business administration.

It was during this time he realized he was interested in numbers and began focusing on finance and accounting.

"I ended up doing a lot of financial and strategic planning."

Down the road Barlow wanted to try something different, so he went into the technology side of things.

While he was busy working in various head office positions, he opened a pet store business on the sideline.

Married with three daughters, Barlow's whole family was part of the pet store business, in the greater Toronto area.

Rarlow became an "unofficial" mentor to other pet store

Barlow became an "unofficial" mentor to other pet store owners through friendships and connections, helping them balance their books and set up their businesses.

Jaycock believes Barlow brings a real strength to the incubator through his financial expertise and background.

"I'm really happy for Bryan and for the tenants," said Jaycock.

Barlow first became connected with the Haliburton Highlands in 1960 through a family cottage on Lake Kashagawig-



Bryan Barlow is the new manager of the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator, an initiative of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Barlow took over the position from former manager Mike Jaycock, who stepped down at the end of June.

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amog. "We kind of grew up coming up for two weeks every summer," he said.

Wanting a place of his own in the Highlands where he didn't have to negotiate visits, Barlow and his sister and brother-in-law bought their own seasonal place on Kennisis Lake. Barlow grew the cottage from a small cabin, before eventually selling it. Down the road he was back in the area when he bought the farm, a dream he and his wife shared.

"That's what we both wanted to do. There's no farming blood anywhere in our background so we don't know where we got the disease from," he joked.

The manager position is part-time, with 15 hours a week, allowing Barlow to still run the farm.

Excited about what lies ahead, Barlow acknowledges it will be a different opportunity for him.

"There's going to be more of a focus on the numbers," said Barlow.

Started in 2009, the incubator is home to four businesses, to which the manager acts as a mentor and problem solver.

"A big part of the role is also for the manager to hook up the businesses with the resources they need," said Jim Blake, HCDC consultant. "Research shows that businesses are way more likely to be successful if they start in incubators and it's because of all that support."

At the helm since the incubator's inception, Jaycock will assist Barlow through the transition period.



Graduation day

Above, Ethyn Porter receives his diploma at the end of year awards and graduation ceremony for Cardiff Elementary School at the Cardiff Community Centre on Friday, June 21.

Right, students from Cardiff Elementary School gathered for the end of year awards and graduation ceremony at the Cardiff Community Centre.

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Not much in this world is perfect, but there are always a few exceptions to the rule.

Rotarian Curry Bishop, 81, is Haliburton's exception.

He was recognized for his perfect attendance over 50 years to the club's weekly meetings in Haliburton at the end of the year meeting. It marked an amazing achievement, but represented something more for the quiet man with a subtle smile and the sincerity from days of old.

Born in 1931, Bishop is the son of Harry Bishop and Viola Curry, daughter of W.R. Curry, and came to the area in 1940. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Toronto. He became a land surveyor and joined the club in 1963.

Teary eyed, with a trembling voice, overcome by emotion, Bishop thanked everyone for coming. Later, he said his amazing 50-year commitment is owed to his passion and love for the club and the community.

"What I'm most proud about being a Rotarian is helping people in the world and this community. This community wouldn't be anything without the Rotary club. We have to try to get more people to support this community and what Rotary does in the world," he said.

Bishop believes the United Nations trusts Rotary to be an agent of world peace. The club internationally continues to work towards the elimination of polio. Locally, it has been a supporter of many causes and local organizations such as the flood relief, health services, and events such as the summer carnival in Haliburton.

A year after the club was founded he was selling tickets to raise money for the community long before he was a member.

"I can remember the Rotary parade was over the very day Japan surrendered. I can remember that day quite vividly," he said, adding he ran over to a cousin in the parade to tell her the war was over.

He helped to construct cottages for the club's raffle fundraiser that has since evolved to the car draw.

Rotary International recognized the long-serving member, who was president from 1968 to 1969 with a perfect attendance award pin with the number 50 on it by the club's district governor John Gordon. The club also presented Bishop with the Paul Harris plus four award.

All three levels of government also recognized the achievement in dedication to the organization.

The area's MP Barry Devolin requested and received a scroll from the federal government and a letter from the Prime Minister Stephen Harper. MPP Laurie Scott attended the event and presented all the scrolls, including recognition from the provincial government. All of them were also in a multimedia presentation that poked fun at Bishop, which had old photos of him, his wife and family through the years.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey attended and also presented a scroll of recognition from the municipality.

Rotary Club of Haliburton past-president Andrew Hodgson called the feat "incredible."

"He's so proud, it gives us pride to be Rotarians," Hodgson

He referred to Bishop as a role model for all Rotarians.

Although Bishop isn't as hands-on as he ages, he is still a "key Rotarian," Hodgson said. Incoming club president Lance Edwards was announced and offered congratulations



Rotary Club of Haliburton member Curry Bishop was overcome by emotion when his perfect attendance of 50 years for weekly meetings was recognized by Rotary International at the club's year end meeting at the Bonnie View Inn in Haliburton on Thursday, June 27. This achievement was also recognized by the federal, provincial and municipal governments, including the **Prime Minister** Stephen Harper. **Darren Lum** Staff

through a Skype online message.

His son Greg Bishop, a Rotary member and past-president, who joined at 21, admits he's not likely to equal his father's perfect attendance record and probably no one else at the club will either since he has the next highest perfect attendance

"Who's following him? Nobody? I'm the next guy. Once you hit me at 29 the next person to me is 12," he said, adding the majority of the club consists of new members. "This is one of those record setting things that will never happen again."

Greg Bishop also received a pin for his attendance. He explained his father was a great example and said the root of it is family.

"There's a real family tradition," he said, adding four generations of Bishops are represented.

Greg points out his dad's uncle, Ron Curry, was the first president of the club while grandfather W.R. Curry was among the founding members.

Between the 1970s and the through part of the 1990s, the club boasted 25 consecutive years with the best attendance of all the 41 clubs in the district. At this time there were close to eight father-and-son member duos, he said.

Greg explained the club allows for "make ups" with other clubs within 14 days of the meeting. In the "old days" only seven days were permitted.

He adds this doesn't make the achievement any less worthy of credit.

Knee surgery years ago didn't stop his dad, as he told his operating doctor he'd better get it done so Bishop could make the next meeting. Unable to walk, he made that meeting.

"We took him basically in a wheelchair to get that meeting so that he didn't miss," his son said.

Both of them have regularly used the Rotary Club of Minden as a make up while his dad would also attend a local Rotary club while in Arizona, where he winters for four months in Mesa.

Greg Bishop and Hodgson are continuously impressed when it comes to the annual car draw sales. Averaging more than 600 tickets every year, Bishop outsells all other members by at least 200 tickets. The secret?

"The secret is he asks," Greg said.

He's seen his dad in action and it amazes him.

"I don't have that same personality. If I stand on the street beside the [draw] car I'm not in everybody's face as they go by," he said. "He'll almost chase them up the street and that's the way he is, but he'll make it known that it's for a good cause and it's going back to the community. Don't get me wrong, he's really good at giving that explanation, but I tell you he can really hound you for tickets ... There's always been

a standard joke around the club there is a funeral coming up and Curry is going to work the funeral. He'll sell anywhere and anyhow."

He adds his dad was always motivated by focusing on the community and how the money could improve it.

Bishop's wife Aldyth has a sense of humour about her husband's achievement.

"I thought, do you have to do this every week?" she quipped.

The couple married 60 years ago and met at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and later married at the Anglican Church in Haliburton in 1953. They have three children, who were all born at the local hospital, now housing Canoe FM

Despite Bishop's dedication, the former Haliburton reeve and deputy reeve implores others to join him in his efforts.

"You know when I was president we had probably 55 members. They were all dedicated people. We need that core in this community," he said. "I'm not trying to take away from any other organization because they do good things too, but Rotary is the best organization in the world in my opinion," he said

If anyone knows him it's his wife, who doesn't see him quitting as long as he is alive.

"When Curry starts something he finishes it. He really does. He's been going for such a long time ... I think that's Curry. He'll probably keep on going," she said.



Curry
Bishop's
wife
Aldyth
believes
her
husband
will
continue
to attend
Rotary
Club
meetings
for as long
as he can.

The grand opening

photo from the Haliburton Echo.

of the Fort Irwin Residents' **Association hall** 30 years ago was captured in this

Thirty Years of FIRA



Janet Trull Town Dock

Fort Irwin. It sounds like a Hudson's Bay outpost or a barricaded RCMP base. Alas. It was never a fort. It was a sawmill operation (what else would you expect on Haliburton Lake?) and the buildings formed a square... like a fort.

Fort Irwin, if you've never visited, has a top-notch marina, a garden centre with an excellent gift shop and a restaurant where you can get a generous hand-dipped

Today, the 25-minute trip to town seems like an easy drive, but during the cottage boom of the 1950s and 1960s the great majority of cottagers were without cars. They were the mothers who spent entire summers at the lake, while their fedorawearing husbands earned a living from Monday to Friday and drove up on weekends.

Dorothy Hewitt remembers those days very well. She and her husband, "Doc" Hewitt, a dentist with a practice in Newmarket, bought a Precision pre-fab cottage in 1954 on the Haliburton Lake Road. During the week, some women depended on their little aluminum boats to get to the store. Some had groceries delivered by enterprising locals who picked up a grocery list and delivered to the dock. But the week was long when you were the only adult at the cottage, and the women soon started to get together to socialize. Meeting in each other's cottages, they drank coffee, talked and sewed. Yes, most women in those days knew how to stitch. They stitched patches on blue jeans and hemmed skirts for hand-medowns and darned socks. A piece of clothing went a long way before it ended up as a dust rag, or as a square in a quilt.

The group made a quilt every summer, and Dorothy can tell you a story about every one, as she looks through a book of old photographs. Needle and thread in hand, the women exchanged ideas and recipes and parenting tips. Every year, a new pattern was chosen. There was the Garland of Flowers pattern in 1982, which won an award at the Rails End Gallery. There was the Bird of Paradise and the Double Wedding Ring. A favourite pattern of Dorothy's is Daddy Hex, which is said to offer a double dose of protection in difficult times. Sleeping under a quilt can provide good luck, if you know your pat-

The women's group eventually grew to include social events like potluck suppers and card nights. They called themselves the Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA). Men were welcome and the membership started to rise so that a little cottage couldn't accommodate everyone. The idea of building a clubhouse started and when the FIRA executive approached the township for support, Reeve Murray Fearrey came out to have a look around. He agreed that, due to the distance from town, it would be a good idea to provide a hall where residents, many of whom were getting to retirement age, could meet for exercise, social events, and, of course, quilting. Fearrey encouraged the group to apply for a New Horizons grant and offered a lot owned by the township for the building.





coffee, and a quilt-in-progress is never far away.

Do you have a story to share about the Haliburton Highlands? Here at the Town Dock we reflect on the people and experiences that make this community unique. Send story ideas to haliburtonlake@gmail.com.

Upon approval of the \$21,000 grant application, the hall was erected, furnished and filled with craft supplies, a dartboard, a bingo game and cribbage boards.

In 1983, the grand opening drew a crowd that included Reeve Murray Fearrey, Councillor Glen Hodgson, MPP John Eakins and MP Bill Scott.

After 30 years, the FIRA Hall on Haliburton Lake Road is well-maintained and well-used. Members can be found at the hall every day of the week. For retired people who live at the lake year-round, it provides the social network that keeps them connected and active.

Dorothy Hewitt, at 92, doesn't participate in as many events as she used to, but she is proud to be a charter member of the Fort Irwin Residents' Association. She knows she should start thinking about moving to town, but the lake is home. As a former snowmobiler, she loves winter just as much as summer. Well, almost. And with the FIRA Hall just a short distance down the road, she knows that a conversation, a cup of

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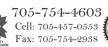
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Karaoke 9 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 13, branch 624 and the Hayward family will be hosting the Uncle Bob's Rock Bass Derby for Kids.

This event is a "total catch" derby, so keep all the rock bass you catch and bring them all in for the weigh in between 12 and 1 p.m. at the branch.

All kids between three and 12 years old are eligible. Be sure to register at the branch between July 7 to 12 or at the Fishes Lunch Box by 10 a.m. on July 13.

This event is a free family fun day!

Bring your kids out and celebrate summer with us. Saturday, July 20 Branch 624 is holding the Best Ball Golf Tournament.

Watch for details next week.

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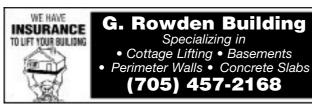
Thursdays: general meeting, second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.; all members urged to attend; Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC.

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sports

Hicks readies for Sharpley's

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

He's ready to perform for his loved ones.

Wakeboarder Gavin Hicks, who was raised in the Haliburton Highlands, loves coming home where his family and friends get to see him soar.

"I love the atmosphere. All my friends and family come out to watch and just hang out as well. [I get to] see all my friends. Some friends I don't see for a while," he said.

He acknowledges the pressure is there to succeed.

"It's bit stressful riding in front of everyone because I want to perform well. It usually doesn't get to me too much," he said

The comfort of being home and knowing the lake makes competing a welcome challenge.

"I'm just used to Head Lake. That's the hometown competition. I've been doing competitions there for like almost 10 years now," he said. "[I have the] biggest fan base there of course."

An overall Root Wakeboard Series winner last year Hicks is intent on reclaiming his Sharpley Source for Sports Open title after finishing second last year.

Expect to see him pull off several tricks that are his most consistently executed – a crow mobe, toeside-frontside 720 (degrees), heel side 540 (degrees) and tantrum to blind.

Hicks was the overall Roots series winner last year, beating his buddy Robbie McMillen.

McMillen, of Barrie, cottages in the area and regularly wakeboards with Hicks.

He was third overall last year and is expected to compete. Other locals and friends of his likely to compete are Logan Enright of Minden and Addison Farr.

Hicks has already finished third in the Boardsports Open in King Township on June 22 and second in the Ranch Open cable stop on June 23.

Hicks attributes his success to his ability to adapt to wakes and consistency.

It comes down, he said, to training with different boats that can provide a different wake whether it is smaller, larger, steeper or wider.

Getting a few rides in with cable riding also helps, he said. Executing tricks with the cable aids in his performance.

This event will provide him a gauge of how competitive he will be for the upcoming Wakestock in August. It's regarded as the best event of the year in Ontario.

A couple of strong riders in Ontario who are likely to be at Wakestock that might compete here, he said, are Andy Milovanovic and Christian Primrose, who he considers the best in Ontario.

While training – which includes ice hockey in the off season and mountain biking in the spring – has lessened compared to other years, with an electrician apprenticeship in Toronto and planning a wedding next year, he isn't lamenting any of the new additions to his life, particularly his fiancé, Danielle Barter of Minden.

"It means a lot. She's an amazing girl and it helps me to know that she is always going to be there for me cheering," he said.

The two will get married in front of family and friends at his parents' house on Saskatchewan Lake just north of Carnarvon next June.

His brothers Robbie and Ben who will join her on the sidelines with shoulder injuries will join her, he said. Brother Brady will compete.

Competing since he was 16, Hicks learned to water ski at five years old on Saskatchewan Lake in the Highlands, but



didn't start wakeboarding until he was 12.

Hicks might only be $\widetilde{25}$, but in wakeboarding circles it's considered old.

That doesn't bother him, as maturity lends itself to competition strength.

"The more competitions you go to the easier they get," he said. "There's less stress. You're more used to the atmosphere so that helps a lot ... you just get used to everything by doing it more and more."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of August, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 30, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 and Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated October 19, 2012.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 2^{nd} day of July, 2013.

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Top and above, Gavin Hicks, who was raised in the Highlands, is excited to compete in front of family and friends at the upcoming Sharpley Source for Sports Open wakeboarding event at Head Lake in Haliburton on July 6. Hicks came second at this event last year, but won the overall 2012 Roots Wake Series title last year. This event is the second stop of the three race series. File photos by Darren Lum



Digging in dirt

Anthony Butler, far right, helps, from left, Joe and Nancy Foster and Seamus Jarrett-Lynch find hidden treasure at the Haliburton Highlands Museum's Archaeology Day on June 22. The group dug up dirt, which they then sifted through to examine their findings. Butler led the day-long event, which uncovered items such as pieces of a metal cookstove. The museum currently has an archaeology exhibit on display.

Angelica Blenich Staff



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July 13: Jazz at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, the Lorne Lofsky Trio at 7.30 pm. Tickets \$25, available at the Museum, 705-457-2760 or CanoeFM, 705-457-1009.

July 13: The Minden Lions Club will host a Loonie-Twoonie auction and dinner (prime rib etc) at the community centre. Items for auction include a sight seeing flight over Haliburton County, a hot-air balloon ride, tickets to an eight person VIP box at a Junior A hockey game in Barrie, etc etc. Tickets \$45 may be purchased by phoning "Office Plus" at 705 286 0236 or from any Lions Club member. All funds go to the Minden Hospital Needs List.

July 19: The monthly Minden Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner will be at the Lions Club building beginning at 5-7pm: all you can eat pasta with meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, cake, beverage, dessert - \$10. All funds dedicated toward meeting community needs.

July 20- 21: MOM 2 MOM SALE, from 9am to 4pm. Located at Chaulk Woodworking

Hwy 35, Minden (Old Acorn's Building) Admission is \$3 per person. Children 12 and under are free. All proceeds from space rentals and admission go to The Minden Flood Relief. For more information email Aarica at aaricas_24@yahoo.ca

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HANTHORN-HOWE, Eva Mae Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Sunday, June 23, 2012. In her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Harry Hanthorn and the late Bert Howe Dear mother of Bill and Penny Hanthorn of Levack, Dale and Judy Howe of Port Hope and step-mother of Keith and Mari Howe of North Bay and predeceased by Betty and Frank Madill, Phyllis and Alf Sisson and Geraldine Stewart. Loving grandma of Lee (Rick), Dustin, Matthew (Shannon), Mark (Natalie), great grandma of Danae, Chase, Lindsey, Calyssa, Keegan, Madison, Jacob, Daisy, Kate, Mitchell, Elijah and Gloria. Eva is fondly remembered by her many stepgrandchildren and step- great grandchildren and by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton on Thursday, June 27, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario

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LEE, Norman William - Passed away peacefully in Tory Hill, Ontario on Monday, June 24, 2013. At the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen (nee McColl). Loving son of the late David and Agnes Lee. Dear brother of Gordon (Kitty) Lee of Lindsay, predeceased by his niece Linden Lee and by his great nephew Barry Lewis. Lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Edith Hoult (Charlie deceased), niece Betty Lewis (Lavern deceased), great nephew Gary (Melissa) Lewis and their son Mark, great niece-in-law Annette Lewis and also by the Haywood Family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, Gooderham on Friday, June 28, 2013 from 11:30 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Glamorgan Cemetery. Reception will follow back at the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre. Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., P.O. Box Minden, Ontario K0M www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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Lillian Haight (Resident of Haliburton & Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, June 24, 2013 in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late Roy Haight (1978). Loving mother of the late Marilyn Neathery (1986). Dear sister of Dennis Bunn (Shirley) of Keene. Predeceased by her brothers Edward and John and her sister Ada McDowell. Lovingly remembered by her brother-in-law Alex McDowell of Toronto, Reg

Hanley of Haliburton, many nieces, nephews, and her many good friends. Lil retired to Haliburton in 1975 and was a dedicated resident and volunteer in the Haliburton Community.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME on Saturday July 13, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or SIRCH Community Hospice would be appreciated by the family

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Ilse Schaefer (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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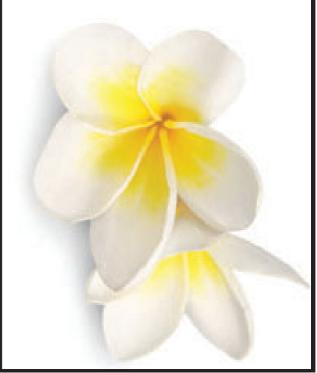
great grandchildren. Ilse was kind, gentle and faithful to her god Jehovah, always well respected and loved by all

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Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, July 4, 2013 from 2 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services or Highland Wood Resident's Council would be appreciated by the family.

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Special thank you to Dr. Conway & Office staff, Gordon Monk funéral home staff, Rev. Harry Morgan, the lovely luncheon provided by the United church auxiliary.

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After the welcome by principal Gord Wood and greetings from Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee Gary Brohman the students began to make their way to the stage as awards were made to deserving students in each grade from

Awards went to those with the highest academic standing while others were for consistent perseverance in effort and in striving to overcome obstacles. Fine leadership, citizenship and athletic achievements were noted and awarded. Also from each grade a student received an award for exemplary ability and attitude in French. Also acknowledged with awards were students who had shown the most improvement both academically and in

The excitement increased as graduation diplomas, the reeve's bursaries and the principal awards for student leadership were presented.

Carmen Galea gave an excellent valedictory address on behalf of the graduates.

Everyone enjoyed the Powerpoint presentation about graduating students.

This was a joyful time celebrating achievement and a fine sendoff for the Grade 8 class looking forward to high school. It was also a time of leaving behind the Wilberforce school where some had attended since junior kindergarten. It was goodbye in another way as well. In September some graduates are going to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School while others will attend the high school in Bancroft. Best wishes for good learning experiences wherever your lessons will be learned.

Norman Lee died peacefully in Tory Hill on Monday, June 24. He was 91 years of age and had recently been in frail health. Norman, a lifelong area resident, the son of David and Agnes Lee, was predeceased by his wife Kathleen (McColl).

Visitation and the funeral service were held at the Robert McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham on June 28. Interment followed at the cemetery there. Sympathy is extended to all of Norman's family, especially to his elderly sisterin-law Edith Hoult and her daughter Betty Lewis. Betty has been a loving niece providing dedicated care to her uncle. Many others have benefited greatly from her thoughtfulness and generosity over the years. Thanks, Betty. Rest in peace, Nor-

Members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild thank all who participated in the Canada Day celebrations on the grounds of the historic Red Cross Outpost on Monday, July 1. It is hoped you enjoyed this 146th anniversary of our country as a nation "true, north, strong and free". Do come back for many more visits and more celebrations of this grand country.

Strawberry supper in Maple Lake

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Val Craftchick and Mike Balaski were married in March of this year at Maple Lake United Church, Mike being grandson of Clarence and Dorothy Howe and son of Shirley and Alex Balaski and Val being daughter of Leitha Harrison and granddaughter of Norman and Velma Harrison.

They celebrated their wedding on June 22 at the

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West Guilford Community Centre here with family and friends numbering about 80 to help join in the occasion. Jamie Bacon was DJ for the dance and Jaime Balle (Bilodeau) served at the bar. The community joins in wishing Val and Mike many happy years of married life amongst us.

Maple Lake United Church has planned their strawberry supper for July 6. Call 705-754-2258 for early or later setting to be sure of obtaining a place. The next day Sunday, July 7 is the decoration day service at 2 p.m.

Euchre scores for June 25: high - Pearl Kernohan and Henk van Nood; low - Norma Geddes and Ray Campbell; most lone hands - Madeline Dovle

and Ed Muenzel; specials also went to Madeline Doyle and Ed Muenzel.

What a welcome John Patterson and staff of Abbey Gardens gave to an admiring public at the open house on June 30! Food for all in attendance was planned for 200 and halfway through the allotted time it was running out, such was the interest in this wellplanned project/vision of John Patterson. Recognition was given to the staff and to those who contributed in various ways to see this dream into reality. Congratulations one and all.

Ambassadors tee off for water

Jenn Watt

Editor

Access to clean water in the world is scarce.

More than one billion people across the planet don't have suitable water to drink.

More than 80 per cent of illness in the world is due to contaminated water. $\,$

Those statistics spurred husband and wife team Barry Hart and Heather Alloway to found Water Ambassadors Canada 11 years ago.

On June 27, supporters of the organization came together for their first charity golf tournament at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

"The UN estimates that 30,000 people die daily from drinking contaminated water," Hart told the group.

"That means since the Minden floods over two million people have died worldwide from drinking dirty water. Over 210,000 have died worldwide since the floods in Calgary. And yet there are no reports in the news about those deaths," he said.

Water Ambassadors raises money to send teams to developing countries to drill and repair wells, install water purification systems and water filters and to educate about hygiene.

Individuals who travel from Canada to other countries have to fundraise all of their expenses – about \$3,000 per person – and go through training on the technologies they will be installing.

Money raised in large fundraisers like the one on Thurs-

day go to buying the equipment, which can be costly.

According to the organization's literature, "a water ambassador team can repair up to four wells in one week, each well serves 300 to 500 people. One well repair [costs] \$2,000."

Organizers hoped the golf tournament would bring in about \$12,000. While the head office of Water Ambassadors Canada is in Toronto, Hart and Alloway have a residence in the Haliburton Highlands and many of the volunteers come from Haliburton.

Brenda McKee is the team leader for the next trip to Guatemala. "It changes the way you look at everything," McKee said of previous trips.

Her son and daughter are both fundraising to go on the next trip. "I can tell you that until you've hugged those kids [in developing countries] you can't imagine the impact," she said.

McKee described herself as someone who used to look at World Vision-type commercials on television and turn the channel.

She said her first-hand experience has made her more in tune with their issues.

"It becomes such a part of you," she said.

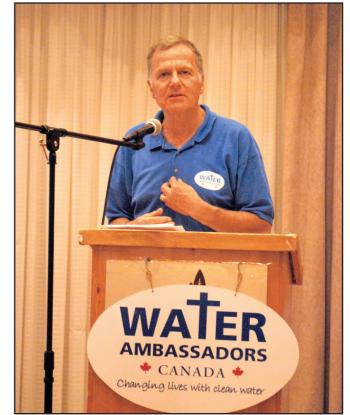
Wade Woodward of Haliburton has been an active part of Water Ambassadors since 2005.

He said his trips have changed his life.

"I encourage everyone to try it once," he said.

For more information, go to www.waterambassadorscanada.org.

Right, Barry Hart, founder of Water Ambassadors Canada, talks to supporters at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre near Haliburton on June 27.



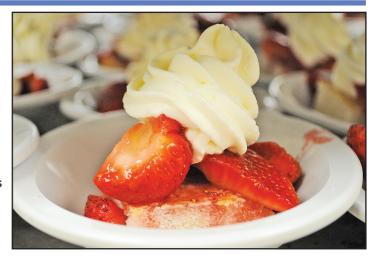


Being social

Left, visitors packed the recently renovated cafeteria at YMCA Wanakita for the annual Strawberry Social held on June 23. The seasonal fruit was served for dessert with cake and whipped cream, following a buffet lunch.

Right, strawberries were the treat of the day at the annual Strawberry Social, which has been occuring for 30 years. This fall YMCA Wanakita will be celebrating its 60th anniversary.

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Your Key to Haliburton Highlands Real Estate





MAJESTIC KENNISIS

Custom built timber frame cottage, professional landscaping. 3ac/200'frtg. Quality fixtures & every luxury for the discriminating Buyer! \$1,999,999



HALIBURTON LAKE

14.3 ac Family Retreat/Rental Property Lovely large 2 stry home plus 5 cabins. 540' sand shoreline. Very unique!

\$996,000



DRAG LAKE

8 ac and 189' of lakefront & beautiful N/W view. Unique custom style & dbl insul garage w/full loft.

\$975,000



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Quality built-nearly maintenance free! Private sloping lot w/elevated view. Easy path to 121ft. rocky/deep shoreline. Bright open concept, 3+2 BR, 4 baths. Propane FP. Sunrm. Geothermal heat.

\$829,000



SHOWS TO PERFECTION!

Kashagawigamog Lk yr rnd cottage w/quality & appealing finish. Open concept, dbl sided fp, finished bsmt, Boathouse, sitting deck, dock, deep clean shoreline.

\$619,000



MAGNIFICENT REDSTONE

4 bedrm year round cottage. Full walkout basement. Stunning S/W facing lot with privacy.

\$599,800



NO-MOTOR BASSHAUNT LAKE

Log Cottage/home. Absolutely stunning point lot. 2200sf cottage w/dbl sided fp, dbl att garage. 4Bay drive shed. Peace & tranquility.

\$595,500



HALIBURTON LAKE

Spectacular lot, great privacy & big lake view. 3BR/2Bath 4 season cottage/home. Massive Dbl Garage w/storage loft.

\$589,000



PERCY LAKE

Turn-key cottage or home with 3BR. Custom built, high quality, Landscaped, 107' clean rock shoreline. A real beauty!

\$538,000



EAGLE LAKE

Traditional Viceroy 3BR cottage on level lot. Fantastic South facing ski hill view. Sand shoreline

\$399,000



CANNING LAKE

Neat as a Pin! 3BR home or cottage. Beautiful manicured level lot, clean sand shoreline. Boating on the 5 lake chain. Bright sunroom, full bsmt, workshop, sauna. Must See!

\$398,000



FIVE LK CHAIN

Boat/fish from 1350sf home/cottage. Village edge convenience. Lots to offer! Garage, Bunkie & more!

\$385,000



IRONDALE RIVER RETREAT

Enjoy privacy & luxury on 4.7 acres with 300ft of riverfront.1900sf cottage with original log cabin incorporated. Also dbl det garage & a Bunkie.

\$379,000



MUST-SEE COUNTRY SETTING

Modern 3BR minutes from Haliburton! Open concept FP. w/o to deck. Lovely 5+ ac property, spacious finished lower level. Lots of fantastic features.

\$339,000



CANNING LAKE

On the 5 lake chain, this 3BR cottage has clean shoreline, shallow sand to deep water. Ask about recent upgrades & how little it will take to winterize! Great Bunkie, deck, dock & firepit area too! Excellent value!

\$318,900



RIVERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE

Lovely Private Setting 3 BR solid brick bungalow in park-like setting. Sunrm, recrm, fp, garage & more, plus it's on tiny Ted's Lake!

\$299,000



BIG HAWK LAKE

3BR 3 season cottage. Some upgrades. Private natural lot with pretty view. Clean/rocky shoreline 2 lake chain

\$298,800



PEACEFUL NO MOTOR LAKE

Charming & warm cedar log cottage/home on 3.5 ac. Big frontage makes this a super private quiet setting. Sunny S/E exposure.

\$298,000



LOG HOME LIVING

Immaculate 2 storey log nestled in the forest just minutes to Haliburton. Garage, gardens, pond, porch & so much more!

\$289,000



SPRUCE LAKE COTTAGE

Private 3 season cottage & bunkie on natural lot. Warm wood interior. Covered deck overlooks quiet bay with abundant wildlife & birds. Shallow sand shoreline, great for kids

\$289,000



PRETTY, PRIVATE LOCATION

Built 2011, open concept on 4+ acre lot. 3 season sunroom, 2BR, 4pc, garage. MBR w/walkout to large deck. Carnarvon. Quality construction, nicely finished & decorated.

\$288,000



STORMY LAKE

4BR, 3 season cottage. Spacious & bright, stone fp, lakeside deck. Stunning level lot facing S/E with breathtaking view, sand shoreline.

\$288,900



WENONA LAKE

Year round use 3BR backsplit. S/W exposure. Clean Sand/gravel shoreline, level lot. Dbl garage & more!

\$279,000.



HALIBURTON LAKE

Original 3BR cottage plus Bunkie on South Bay. Level lot & sand beach.

\$278,000



HOME ON 16 ACRES

Well cared for 3BR home on 16 ac makes for a super hobby farm. Landscaped, gardens, Dbl det garage. Unique & appealing!

\$254,350



LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE

Private traditional 3BR cottage. Magnificent view and 126ft, deep shoreline. South exposure, open concept living area with warm feel.

\$249,900



HALIBURTON FAMILY HOME

Convenient walk to work & school this makes a great family home. Lots of rooms to go around. Pretty gardens, carport. Great character!

\$218,800



IRONDALE RIVER

Open concept cottage/home. Very scenic riverfront. Pretty gardens.2BR chalet design. Huge deck overlooks river. Separate guest cabin. Swim & canoe for miles!

\$198,900



GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

4BR home in private, peaceful setting Open concept, walkout basement, FA Oil heat, Hardwood floors.

\$178,800



SKI AREA CHALET

Year round home or cottage will suit many with 2+1BR. Walkout to yard. 2ac lot near skiing, store & beach.

\$174,900



STEPS TO MAPLE LAKE

2 cottages on level lot just a minute away from sand beach. Two 2BR cottages. Keep one/rent one! Great retreat.

\$168,800



FEATURE-FULL HOME

R2000 Home in Gooderham, Bright, Full Bsmt, Insul Dbl Grg, generator & panel, alarm system & more!

\$157,000



TIDY HOME - GELERT ROAD

Renovated 1+1 BR, 5 min from village. Full fin bsmt. Level lot, view of the lake. Ideal starter!

\$128,500



RIVERFRONT HOME OR GETAWAY

Pretty lot of 2.7 ac & 300' on the Redstone River with 2BR mobile home Near West Guilford on year round road.

\$92,500

